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**Charles C. Lovell**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Montana 1952 BS, 1959 JD  
Began Service: April 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Chief Counsel, Appellate Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Montana (1969-1972)

**Judicial:** District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1985-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams (1959-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1952-1954)

**Current Memberships:** American Association for Justice; American Bar Association; American College of Mortgage Attorneys; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; Montana Defense Counsel Association; Montana Trial Lawyers Association; State Bar of Montana

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**Jack D. Shanstrom**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Montana 1956 BA, 1957 BS, 1957 LLB  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Livingston, Montana (1960); County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Park, Montana (1960-1965)

**Judicial:** Judge, Montana District Court (1965-1982); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1983-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Shanstrom & Fitzgerald (1960-1963); Private Practice

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1957-1960)

**Current Memberships:** Park County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

#### Staff

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#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Keith Strong

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**Keith Strong**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 2007  
Term Expires: 2015

#### Staff

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#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Carolyn S. Ostby

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**Carolyn S. Ostby**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Macalester 1972 BA; Montana 1977 JD  
Began Service: February 2002  
Term Expires: February 2010

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable Russell E. Smith, United District Court for the District of Montana (1977-1979)

**Government:** Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice (1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole & Dietrich, P.L.L.P. (1980-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

#### Staff

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#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch

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**Jeremiah C. Lynch**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: July 2006  
Term Expires: 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, District Judge Paul G. Hatfield, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1981-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1995-2006)

#### Staff

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#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge (part-time) Gerard M. Schuster

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**Gerard M. Schuster**  
Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Montana 1967 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1974

**Affiliation:** Attorney, Schuster Law Office, P.A.; Member, National District Attorneys Association; Member, State Bar of Montana; Member, American Bar Association

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; National District Attorneys Association; State Bar of Montana

#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge (recalled) Richard W. Anderson

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**Richard W. Anderson**  
Magistrate Judge (recalled)

#### Chambers of Magistrate Judge (recalled) Robert M. Holter

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**Robert M. Holter**  
Magistrate Judge (recalled)

Began Service: January 2001

#### Staff

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#### United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Montana

Federal Building, 400 North Main Street, Butte, MT 59701  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 1

#### Court Staff

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**Ralph B. Kirscher**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD  
Began Service: November 18, 1999  
Term Expires: November 18, 2013

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula

**Academic:** Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula (1992-1997)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Silver Bow County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

#### Staff

Law Clerk **Kelli Harrington** ..... (406) 782-3338  
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#### Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) John L. Peterson

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**John L. Peterson**  
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Number of Vacancies:** 0

#### Court Staff

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